



Bus Priority Program

Better Bus Service for the District

Mayor Bowser established the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Bus Priority Program (BPP) to improve bus speeds and reliability for riders across all eight wards of the District. Riders need high quality, reliable bus service. In 2019, almost as many people rode the bus as Metrorail each day, and for most of 2020, during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the number of bus riders more than doubled Metrorail ridership. Faster and more reliable transit provides better access to more jobs and opportunities for District residents, helping to support an equitable recovery.

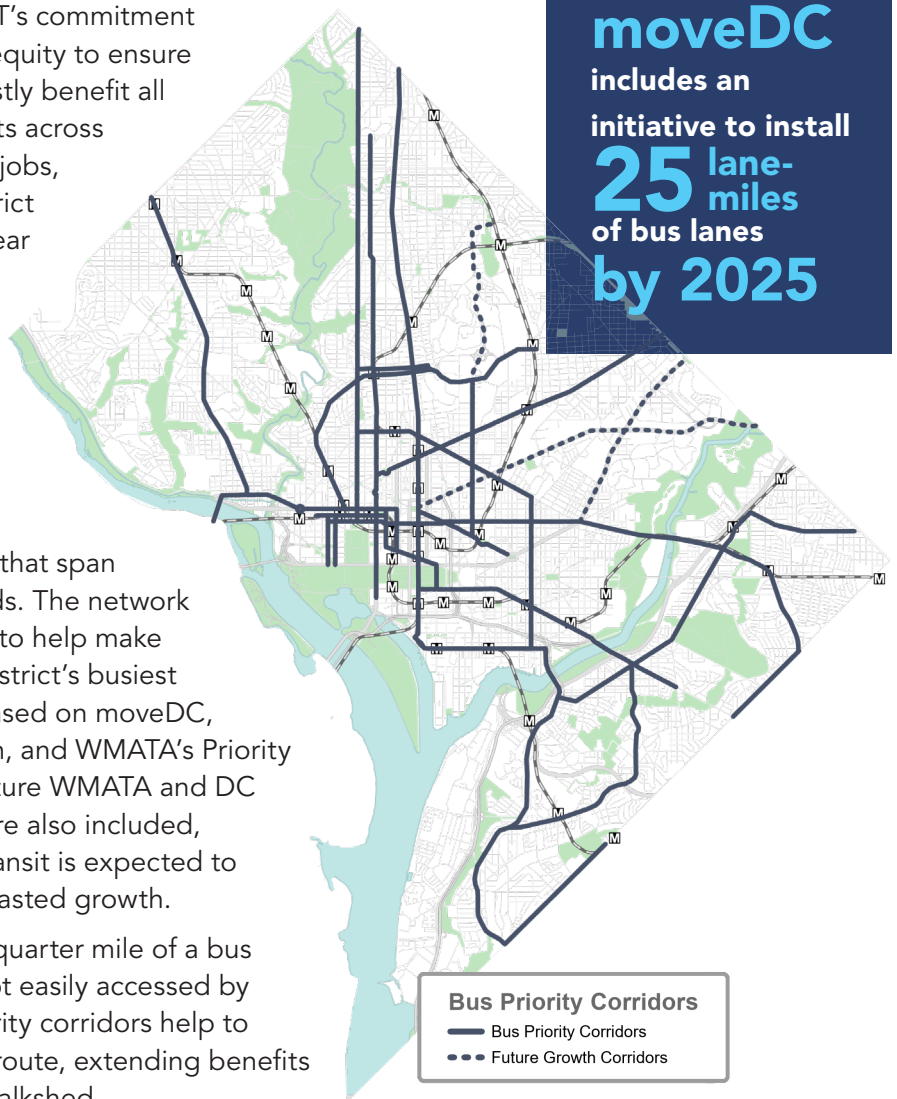
The Bus Priority Program builds upon DDOT's commitment to elevating and advancing transportation equity to ensure that public investments in transportation justly benefit all residents, visitors, and commuters. Residents across the District use buses to travel to activities, jobs, healthcare, and schools. Almost half of District Metrobus riders make under \$30,000 per year and two thirds live in zero-car households. By helping buses operate faster and more reliably, DDOT is improving mobility and access to opportunities for District residents.

Bus Priority Network

The bus priority network includes corridors that span approximately 70 miles across all eight wards. The network identifies where improvements are needed to help make transit faster and more reliable along the District's busiest bus routes. The corridors were identified based on moveDC, the District's long-range transportation plan, and WMATA's Priority Corridor Network, as well as current and future WMATA and DC Circulator needs. Future growth corridors are also included, which represent areas where demand for transit is expected to grow over the next 20 years based on forecasted growth.

Over 60% of District residents live within a quarter mile of a bus priority corridor, many in neighborhoods not easily accessed by Metrorail. Improvements made on bus priority corridors help to make transit more reliable along the entire route, extending benefits to riders beyond the bus priority network walkshed.

moveDC
includes an
initiative to install
25 lane-
miles
of bus lanes
by 2025



Bus Priority Toolbox

The Bus Priority Program seeks to improve the entire rider experience, ensuring safe and accessible bus stops and quick, dependable bus service. DDOT developed a toolbox of potential bus priority treatments to improve the speed and reliability of bus service and create safer interactions with other modes. For each bus priority project, DDOT will identify tools to improve bus service within the neighborhood context and specific project needs.

The Bus Priority Toolbox includes over 20 treatments to improve bus operations including:

- Bus lanes to reduce congestion delay
- Queue jumps to allow buses to get to the front of the line
- Bulb-outs to allow buses to board from the travel lane and provide more space for passengers to wait
- Transit signal priority to give buses more green time

The bus priority network serves:*

Over **120** Metrobus
and **5** Circulator
routes AND
Approximately **60%**
of District
bus riders

for at least a portion of their route

The bus priority network is within walking distance of:*

Approximately **2/3** AND
of low-income
households Almost **80%**
of jobs

*as of Fall 2019

For more information:

DDOT wants to hear from District residents, stakeholders, and bus riders to inform the Bus Priority Program. Learn more about the Bus Priority Program and the Bus Priority Toolbox at ddot.dc.gov/page/bus-priority.

If you have a question or comment about the Bus Priority Program, please email buspriority@dc.gov.

